

# ASSIST –RWANDA APPROACHES TO CHILD PROTECTION



The child exploitation and abuse have been and still is a problem to most of African countries including Rwanda which in the other way have experienced difficult times which marked the lives of many people and the country itself but most the innocent children who fell in the calamities of not their own making but which left most of them orphans, street children, disabled, disadvantaged and households headed families by children.

All of these have resulted too many abuses, exploitations to children which is in turn affecting the economy and the life of the country at large.

For these cases ASSIST-RWANDA which is an organization that is run by most of the children themselves who head their families and as an organization that care on children in difficult circumstances would like to start its program of child protection in a varsity way and the basic approaches to be used are the following;

## **i) SENSITIZATION**

The first approach is child rights sensitization in the children themselves but also to other parties like the parents, local leaders and the whole population.

This is going to be achieved through;

- ✓ Dramas and poems produced by children themselves and one National Artist is to be selected and produce a theatre that is going to be used as a sensitization tool on children rights;
- ✓ There will be production of pamphlets that are going to be distributed to all schools in the favor of child rights awareness and sensitization;
- ✓ There will be production of video films and CD showing some cases of children abuse and how we can protect them and fight against it;
- ✓ To set up radio and TV talks about the rights of the children;

## ***ii) JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE***

The establishment of a well organized and staunch program on children judicial assistance will be put in place and the doors will be open to help children who have problems.

Trainings and workshops will be done to train all people on the rights of children and how they can participate in protecting them because they are the future nation.

## ***iii) NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DONORS)***

In doing all the above activities which are not very easy, ASSIST –Rwanda will have to look for Donors that are going to support the program both morally and financially so that it can accomplish the envisioned work.

To achieve this, around tables with donors will be conducted to discuss matters and fundraising for program.

The Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion and sister NGO's will be the main supporters in the policies of child protection, fundraising and progress of the project in its lurching and after.

## ***iv) CREATING AWARENESS***

This is to be done in many ways like production of brochures and editing of magazines.

ASSIST-Rwanda is going to strengthen media as one tool of sensitization of child rights protection and ensure the education of child rights to all levels especially the children themselves, Parents, Private sector, Local Government, National Youth Council, National Women Council and youth associations.